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[H. R. 14925.]

[Public, No. 141.]

Army.
H. R. Drake may be promoted master signal electrician, and retired.

CHAP. 155.—An Act For the retirement of H. R. Drake.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States is hereby authorized to promote H. R. Drake, formerly a sergeant in Troop A, Fifth Regiment United States Cavalry, to master signal electrician, and to place him on the retired list of the Army with full pay and allowance of said rank.

Approved, July 17, 1914.

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[H. R. 13985.]

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Mississippi River.
Baton Rouge Bridge and Terminal Company may bridge.

CHAP. 156.—An Act To authorize the construction of a bridge across the Mississippi River at or near the city of Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Baton Rouge Bridge and Terminal Company, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, its successors and assigns, be, and are hereby, authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Mississippi River at or near the city of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, in accordance with the provisions of an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March twenty-third, nineteen hundred and six: *Provided, however*, That reasonable rates of toll may be charged and received and no rate for passage of a single passenger on a railroad train shall exceed 25 cents.

Construction.
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Proviso.
Tolls.

Amendment.

SEC. 2. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

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[H. R. 5304.]

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Army.
Aviation section of Signal Corps created.
Duties, etc.

CHAP. 186.—An Act To increase the efficiency of the aviation service of the Army, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there shall hereafter be, and there is hereby created, an aviation section, which shall be a part of the Signal Corps of the Army, and which shall be, and is hereby, charged with the duty of operating or supervising the operation of all military air craft, including balloons and aeroplanes, all appliances pertaining to said craft, and signaling apparatus of any kind when installed on said craft; also with the duty of training officers and enlisted men in matters pertaining to military aviation.

Officers and enlisted men provided for.

SEC. 2. That, in addition to such officers and enlisted men as shall be assigned from the Signal Corps at large to executive, administrative, scientific, or other duty in or for the aviation section, there shall be in said section aviation officers not to exceed sixty in number, and two hundred and sixty aviation enlisted men of all grades; and said aviation officers and aviation enlisted men, all of whom shall be engaged on duties pertaining to said aviation section, shall be additional to the officers and enlisted men now allotted by law to the Signal Corps, the commissioned and enlisted strengths of which are hereby increased accordingly.

Additional to regular Corps allotment.

Details from line officers.

Tour of service.

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The aviation officers provided for in this section shall, except as hereinafter prescribed specifically to the contrary, be selected from among officers holding commissions in the line of the Army with rank below that of captain, and shall be detailed to serve as such aviation officers for periods of four years, unless sooner relieved, and the provisions of section twenty-seven of the Act of Congress approved February second, nineteen hundred and one (Thirty-first Statutes,